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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Aug-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/28/04	08/21/04
BRO-FRY	170,398	171,212
LT HENS	1,449	1,616
HVY HENS	1,523	1,295

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

WEEK ENDING 21-Aug-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	123	0	123
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	221	0	221
SAME WEEK YR AGO	151	7	158
TO-DATE/2004	7,808	91	7,899
TO-DATE/2003	8,278	118	8,396

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,780	1,298	3,078
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,666	1,498	3,164
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,407	1,545	2,952
TO-DATE/2004	52,739	43,643	96,382
TO-DATE/2003	59,043	46,089	105,132

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 21-Aug-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	163,809	1,657	1,298	2,955
AVG WT	5.18	3.20	8.41	6.73
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	161,051	1,445	1,498	2,943
SAME WK YR AGO	160,560	1,256	1,538	2,794
AVG WT	5.19	3.53	7.97	5.97
TO-DATE/2004	5,146,848	44,931	43,552	88,483
TO-DATE/2003	5,082,767	50,765	45,971	96,736

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 165.8 million head or 0.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-Aug-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	27,230	22,088	45,096
Avg Weight	3.77	4.71	6.27
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%
Last week	24,725	21,139	50,540
Avg Weight	3.72	4.70	6.29
% of total /1	26%	22%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	21,598	26,338	44,638
Avg Weight	3.76	4.71	6.26
% of total /1	23%	28%	48%
To date/2004	847,506	700,244	1,439,000
To date/2003	779,334	751,000	1,467,235

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 21-Aug-04  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,760	2,647	85	13	4,505
AVG WT	15.65	35.49	22.62	23.63	27.46
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,691	2,516	90	24	4,321
SAME WK YR AGO	2,088	2,761	69	15	4,933
AVG WT	15.41	34.37	22.73	24.19	26.15
TO-DATE/2004	57,081	83,682	1,662	252	142,677
TO-DATE/2003	61,811	90,091	2,093	476	154,471

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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